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1.L PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL PARA 2, ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF RAISED POINTS MADE THERE WITH FERNANDO BENITO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ICNAF AFFAIRS IS LOCATED. THIS IS TWO LEVELS ABOVE POINT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE EMBASSY USUALLY DISCUSSES ICNAF AND OTHER FISHERIES MATTERS. U.S. VISITORS STRESSED GREAT IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO IMPROVEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM IN ICNAF AND ALSO TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HERRING QUOTA, NOTING IN ADDITION THE U.S. INTERNAL 200 MILE QUESTION AS SET FORTH IN PARA 6.

2. BENITO BEGAN HIS REPLY BY SAYING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT OFFICIALLY TAKE NOTICE OF U.S. INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS OF EXTENDING ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS,
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ALTHOUGH IT APPRECIATED HAVING THE INFORMATION. WHAT WAS

OF CONCERN TO SPAIN WAS ALWAYS PUT INCAF REGULATIONS INTO ITS OWN DOMESTIC FISHING LEGISLATION.

3. ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HERRING QUOTA, HE SAID HE HAD YET TO MAKE CONTRACT WITH NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHERIES CONCERNING SPAIN'S INTEREST, BUT THAT HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

4. RETURNING TO THE QUESTION OF ENFORCEMENT, HE SAID THAT HE DID RECALL SOME DISCUSSIONS OF SPANISH FISHING OFF THE COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES. AS HE REMEMBERED THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS OF FISHING BY SPANISH BOATS WHICH TURNED OUT NOT TO HAVE BEEN THERE AT ALL. EMBOFF STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH FISHERIES DURING THE TIME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND THAT HE COULD RECALL NO SUCH ERROR BEING BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE USG BY ANY GOS REPRESENTATIVES.
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